1	2	3
3.	Chhattisgarh	4851
4.	Jharkhand	14524
5.	Karnataka	11689
6.	Madhya Pradesh	7748
7.	Maharashtra	7214
8.	Orissa	74434
9.	Rajasthan	12930
10.	Tamilnadu	44027
11.	Uttar Pradesh	19842
12.	West Bengal	24164
13.	Punjab	2761
	GRAND TOTAL	457871

*City-wise data is not being maintained by the Government.

Increase in Child Labour

†967. SHRI SATYAVRAT CHATURVEDI:
SHRI MOTILAL VORA:

Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what is the estimated number of child labourers in the country at present;

(b) whether it is a fact that in this age of liberalization the number of child labourers has increased by 10 per cent;

(c) whether it is also a fact that most of the child labourers relieved of the bounded labour again meet the same fate; and

(d) if so, what steps are being taken by Government to solve the problem of child labourers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI OSCAR FERNANDES): (a) and (b) As per Census 2001, the number of working children in the country in the age group of 9—14 years was 1.26 crores and it was 1.12 crores during 1991 Census, which shows an increase of approximately 10% between 1991 and 2001.

(c) and (d) With a view to ensure that the children withdrawn from work do not relapse to work, Government is taking various measures for the educational and vocational rehabilitation of these children under the National Child Labour Project (NCLP) Scheme and the economic rehabilitation of their families by covering them under the poverty alleviation and income generation Schemes of other Ministries so that they are not forced to send them to work.

Number of Homeless and Landless People

968. SHRI JAI PARKASH AGGARWAL: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the number of homeless and landless people in the country, State-wise, as on date;

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.